

Organism	Title of environmental assessment	Date of finding of no significant impact
<i>Psylliodes chalconera</i> (Illiger)	"Field Release of <i>Psylliodes chalconera</i> (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae), a Nonindigenous Leaf Beetle for Biological Control of Musk Thistle, <i>Carduus nutans</i> (Asteraceae)" (March 1997).	3/7/97

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) NEPA, (2) Regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of March 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Study of the Implementation of the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the Study of the Implementation of the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by May 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection

techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305–2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: The Study of the Implementation of the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Study of the Implementation of the School Meals Initiative (SMI) for Healthy Children is a three-year study designed to collect information needed to address current policy issues including those associated with the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children and Team Nutrition. A major part of this study is intended to provide the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) with descriptive data on the status of School Food Authorities' (SFAs) implementation of the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children and the changes that have occurred in the food service operations as a result of implementing this new regulation. FCS will examine trends in SMI implementation and characteristics of SFAs implementing certain elements of SMI and Team Nutrition.

A nationally representative sample of approximately 1,750 public school districts will be selected to participate in a three-year longitudinal survey beginning in School Year 1997–98. Data will be collected from the SFA directors using a mixed mode approach of mail/telephone surveys. The study combines elements of longitudinal research and cross-sectional surveys. A brief telephone survey of all State Child Nutrition Directors will be included

each year. On-site data collection activities to supplement the primary data collection efforts have been included as contract options in the second and third years should an issue need to be examined that requires direct observation or in-depth interviewing at the SFA or school level. However, this request for OMB approval is for the first year data collection instrumentation only. Separate OMB packages will be submitted for data collection instruments in the second and third years.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to range between 45 and 60 minutes for School Food Service Authority directors; and range between 20 and 30 minutes for State Child Nutrition directors;

Respondents: State Child Nutrition directors will be asked to confirm contact names, addresses and telephone numbers of selected SFAs and respond to a brief telephone survey. SFA directors will be asked to respond to a self-administered mail survey with telephone follow-up.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50 State Child Nutrition directors, 1,750 SFA directors.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,775 hours.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.

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Food Stamp Program, Regulatory Review: Food Stamp Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Systems—Interoperability

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice: Request for Information.

SUMMARY: The Department is reviewing policy and seeking information related to interoperable food stamp EBT systems. In particular, the Department is asking for information on the costs and transaction fees that are now or may in the future be associated with food stamp EBT interoperability, as well as any